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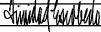
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Art Unit 2625

Filed: 11/08/2001

Examiner: Carter, Aaron W.

For: INTERACTIVE SYSTEM

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In the interests of candor, the Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to following prior art of which Applicants have become aware.

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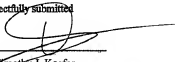
MICHIHIKO MINOH, "Intelligent Retrieval for Video Media" Artificial intelligence
Academy Journal, Volume 11, No 1, January 1, 1996

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Notification of Reasons for Refusal

Patent Application No.	2000-596737
Drafting Date:	November 29, 2005
Examiner of JPO	Masaru KAWASAKI 8944 5C00
Representative/Applicant	Iwao Mishina
Applied Provision	Patent Law Sections 29, 29(2) and 36

This application should be refused for the reasons mentioned below. If the applicant has any arguments against the reasons, such arguments should be submitted within 3 months from the date on which this notification was dispatched.

Reasons

1. The inventions pertaining to following claims of the subject application should not be granted a patent under the provision of Patent Law Section 36(4), Section (6)1 and Section 2.

Note: English translation for the reasons under this section is omitted since these reasons concerns to formal objections directed to deficiency in description based on Japanese Patent Law Section 36.

2. The subject matters recited in claims 14-26 cannot be granted a patent under Patent Law Section 29(1) for the following reasons.

Remark

The means for associating interactive data to a digital video program includes a process step performed by a human using editing device, for instance, how the interactive data is associated to the digital video program as recited in step a), g), i) or j) of claim 14. Thus, by interpreting the claim as a whole, the content of the claim concerns to editing operation performed by human instead of method of function of the editing device nor information processing method. Consequently, the matter does not apply to the "creation of technical ideas by which a law of nature is utilizes", the inventions pertaining to claims 14-26 do not fulfill the requirements described in Section 29 of the Patent Law.

3. The inventions pertaining to the following claims of the subject application should not be granted a patent under the provision of Patent Law Section 29(2) since it could have easily been made by persons who have common knowledge in the technical field to which the invention pertains, on the basis of the inventions described in the publications listed below.

Note

For claims 1-8, 11, 13, 14-21, 24, 26, 27 and 28

Cited Document 1. "Intelligent Retrieval for Video Media" - Artificial intelligence Academy Journal, by Michihiko Minoh, Volume 11, No. 1, January 1, 1996.

Cited Document 2. USP 5,708,845 Specification

The cited document 1 describes retrieval of a shot, key frame, and object by analyzing video while cited reference 2 describes embedding of an interactive data in such retrieved video constitutional elements in linked format. Hence, the contents of claims 1, 14, 27 and 28 cannot be granted a patent since these claims merely integrates these matters.

Here, identification of shot or change in shot as recited in claims 2-3, 15-16, extraction of object attributes as claimed in claims 4-7, 17-20, tracking of change in object attributes as claimed in 8, 21, or embedding procedure for embedding into interactive data as claimed in claim 11, 13, 24 or 26 are all conventional means.

The reason for refusal other than the claims mentioned in this Notice of Reasons for Refusal cannot be found at this stage.

Record of the result of prior art search

- Technical field(s) searched Intl. Cl. (7) H004N7/24, H04N7/26,
H04N7/173, G06F17/30
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Prior Art Documents:

"Advanced Technology sustaining Digital Broadcasting" Mitsubishi Electric Technology Report, Volume 72, 8th Edition, Pg. 24-30 (specifically pg. 29)

Eren, P. E., et al. Interactive Object-based Analysis and Manipulation of Digital Video, Proc. Of IEEE Workshop on Multimedia Signal Processing, December 7, 1998. pg. 335-340

This record is not a component(s) of the reason(s) for refusal.